

*Joseph H. Gale, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court for a term of fifteen years.

*Nomination was reported with recommendation that it be confirmed subject to the nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. BROWN of Massachusetts:

S. 1579. A bill to amend title 37, United States Code, to provide that the basic allowance for housing in effect for a member of the National Guard is not reduced when the member transitions between active duty and full-time National Guard duty without a break in active service; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. HATCH (for himself and Mr. LEE):

S. 1580. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to extend an exemption from certain requirements of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to protect public health and safety; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mrs. McCASKILL:

S. 1581. A bill to improve the importer of record program and the collection of fees and duties in connection with the importation of merchandise into the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself, Mr. KIRK, and Mrs. BOXER):

S. 1582. A bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to modify provisions relating to beach monitoring, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. INHOFE (for himself, Mr. BLUNT, and Mr. CHAMBLISS):

S. 1583. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a tax deduction for the purchase, construction, and installation of a safe room or storm shelter, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BENNET:

S. 1584. A bill to provide for additional quality control of drugs; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. KERRY, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, Mr. AKAKA, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Mrs. SHAHEEN):

S. 1585. A bill to prohibit the application of certain restrictive eligibility requirements to foreign nongovernmental organizations with respect to the provision of assistance under part I of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. PRYOR (for himself, Mr. BOOZMAN, and Mr. DURBIN):

S. Res. 272. A resolution designating November 1, 2011, as "National Jobs Day"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BEGICH (for himself and Ms. MURKOWSKI):

S. Res. 273. A resolution congratulating the Nunaka Valley Little League junior girls softball team on their performance in the Junior League Softball World Series; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 20

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 20, a bill to protect American job creation by striking the job-killing Federal employer mandate.

S. 102

At the request of Mr. MCCAIN, the names of the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. ALEXANDER), the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. TOOMEY) and the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. JOHNSON) were added as cosponsors of S. 102, a bill to provide an optional fast-track procedure the President may use when submitting rescission requests, and for other purposes.

S. 170

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 170, a bill to provide for the affordable refinancing of mortgages held by Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac.

S. 296

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 296, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to provide the Food and Drug Administration with improved capacity to prevent drug shortages.

S. 366

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. BLUMENTHAL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 366, a bill to require disclosure to the Securities and Exchange Commission of certain sanctionable activities, and for other purposes.

S. 409

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. SNOWE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 409, a bill to ban the sale of certain synthetic drugs.

S. 466

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 466, a bill to provide for the restoration of legal rights for claimants under Holocaust-era insurance policies.

S. 534

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 534, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a reduced rate of excise tax on beer produced domestically by certain small producers.

S. 570

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Pennsyl-

vania (Mr. TOOMEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 570, a bill to prohibit the Department of Justice from tracking and cataloging the purchases of multiple rifles and shotguns.

S. 633

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. HOEVEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 633, a bill to prevent fraud in small business contracting, and for other purposes.

S. 740

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. COONS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 740, a bill to revise and extend provisions under the Garrett Lee Smith Memorial Act.

S. 965

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) was added as a cosponsor of S. 965, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide an income tax credit for the costs of certain infertility treatments, and for other purposes.

S. 1048

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the names of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR), the Senator from Colorado (Mr. UDALL), the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WARNER), the Senator from Delaware (Mr. CARPER) and the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. MANCHIN) were added as cosponsors of S. 1048, a bill to expand sanctions imposed with respect to the Islamic Republic of Iran, North Korea, and Syria, and for other purposes.

S. 1167

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1167, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to improve the diagnosis and treatment of hereditary hemorrhagic telangiectasia, and for other purposes.

S. 1301

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. COONS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1301, a bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2012 to 2015 for the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000, to enhance measures to combat trafficking in person, and for other purposes.

S. 1324

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. BINGAMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1324, a bill to amend the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 to prohibit the importation, exportation, transportation, and sale, receipt, acquisition, or purchase in interstate or foreign commerce, of any live animal of any prohibited wildlife species, and for other purposes.

S. 1392

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. NELSON) was added as a cosponsor